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TAGS: ECON, EGEN, EALR, CG

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC PRICE TRENDS

REF: KINSHASA 8300

FOODSTUFFS ONCE AGAIN LED THE PACK AS THE COST OF LIVING IN KINSHASA INCREASED OVER THE PAST MONTH. RICE, FISH, BANANAS, AND MANIOC PRODUCTS REGISTERED INCREASES OF 19 TO 60 PERCENT, WITH CIGARETTES AND BEER SHOWING SIMILAR RISES OVER THE PAST MONTH. THE SHORTAGES THAT APPEAR TO HAVE CAUSED THESE PRICE RISES ARE THE RESULT OF A MIXTURE OF FORCES, BOTH NATURAL (MANIOC BLIGHT, MEALY BUGS, LOW FISH CATCHES) AND MAN-MADE (FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEMS RESULTING IN SHORTAGES OF RAW MATERIALS FOR BREWERIES AND CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS). THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL TELL WHETHER RECENT WAGE INCREASES WILL FORCE MAJOR ACROSS THE BOARD PRICE HIKES OR WHETHER THEY WILL BE LIMITED TO THOSE SECTORS MOST DIRECTLY INFLUENCED BY THE WAGE SETTLEMENTS.

SEP 22 AUG 24 SEP 23 PERCENT CHANGE PERCENT CHANGE

1977 1977 1976 DEC-SEPT SEP-SEP

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HIGH 244.8 238.0 138.7 52.9 76.5

MEDIUM 250.3 233.3 133.0 68.2 88.2

LOW 268.6 242.9 137.0 68.7 96.1

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